Rev Hayes

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South Shaftsbury

Principal Village of Bennington's Next Door Neighbor on the North

Here are Located the Eagle Square Works and Other Business Interests That Go to Make a Thriving Town.

Shaftsbury ranks with the best agricultural and cattle growing districts. The population stands fifth in the county. One hundred years ago was only second

In earlier days, many stirring events gave it prominence, important also, as it | their number. was the place of residence of some of the most active and determined patriots that led the opposition to New York claimants. Some of the most noted tories lived on the grants and many lost their lands by con-

The town of Shaftsbury was chartered by Benning Wentworth, (son of the province of New Hampshire) on August 20, 1761. Among the first families to locate in town were names lamiliar to those now living: Spencer, Cole. Willoughby, Doolittle, Waldo, Burlingame, Andrus, Downer, Beardsley, and Mattison. John Monroe, a tory, captured Remember Baker of Arlington but Bennington parties rescued him before the Hodson river was crossed. Mouroe sought British protection under Burgovne and his property was sold to maintain Vermont government.

In July, 1775, David Galusha of Shaftsbury was chosen and lieutenant of the fourth company, regiment of Green Moun tain Boys. One of the most prominent and loyal men was Jeremiah Clark. In June 1777, Major Clark ond Gideon Olin were chosen representatives of Shaftsbury. Another old pioneer who made a good record during the Revolution, was Captain Jonas Galusha, who had command of a company from 1777 to 1780, both he and

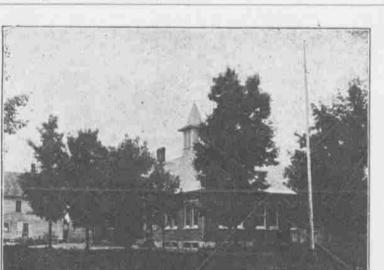
any waterways without finding a mill of ed here. There is one hotel owned and one sort, mostly saw mills.

The loyalty of the town was shown in in the county in point of population, and the second war with Great Britian, was the town has always been considered one again tried and proved during the disasof the most important divisions of the trous war of (86) to (86). The town was required to send for their war quota 142 men and they provided five more than

Stephen Whipple was the blacksmith of the village then, and in Itis shop, (now William's H. Whipple's grist mill,) was a trip-hammer ran by water-power and on the navil and with Mr Whipple's hammer the saws collected by one Silas Hawes were worked into squares

The stone church in South Shaftsbury now the business center of the town, was erected for a Universalist place of worship, erected by the people, and the stones were quarried on the Parker Cole farm, then owned by his son Uriah, who married Miss Barton, a sister of the late Hiram, who was town clerk for 55 consecntive years. The church was built in 1836 but the Universalist society was not long lived. The building has been given to the town, for a town hall not longer ago perhaps than 1899. The church having been built on the Cole estate, was to revert to the Cole heirs when it should cease to be used as a Universalist church. Mrs Mary Cole Houghton and son were sole heirs of the former Cole estate and gave the building for town purposes as

There was a blast furnace put up in South Shaftsbury about the year 1864 or 1865 by a man by the name of Frye, later sold, and operated by the Burdens of Troy. his men being in the battle of Bennington. It was abandoned after a few years and



SCHOOL BUILDING.

counsellor from 1793 to 1798, was sheriff the boarding house property now owned of the county from 1781 to 1786 and was governor of the state from 1809 to 1812, then again from 1815 to 1819. Even at this early day, mention is made of a tan yard at Shaftsbury and shoes were manufactured in town as early as 1777.

A highly respected family whose surname, was Bottum, were in town as early as 1778, as an order from President Chittendon to Mr Bottum reads to deliver three sheep to one Mr Roberts. Certain ones of the present generation have been prominent for keeping fine sheep.

In 1778 the representatives for the town were Gideon Olin and John Millington. This town stood next to Bennington in raising militia; Capts, W. Dyer, and Jonas Galusha and Lieut. David Galusha were allowed \$1 cash for each man enlisted, \$20 for each soldier, and 12 shillings more for bounty. The quota set for Shaftsbury for provisions was as follows: 12,559 lbs. flour, 4,1861-2 lbs of beef, 2,093 1-2 lbs salted pork, 354 bushels Indian corn and 177 bushels ryc. This was for campaign purposes, the meat to be deflycred to Captain Waldo and the flour and grain to Captain Galusha, (Inn keeper.) Three persons were to receive the provisions; these men were Ichabod Cross, Bliss Willoughby and Freegift Cole, to he delivered to Parker Cole for storage, that homestead now owned by Mrs Solomon Howard and son Freeman.

The events of the year 1778, so far as Shaftsbury was concerned were important only from the fact that the governor and council held a meeting at the home of

Captain David Galusha-It is remarkable that a township like this should have acquired a population in 1791 of 2000 persons, and has not varied more than 160 either above or below since. The greatest population was reached in 1770 the least in 1840, there being then 1,835 inhabitants.

He represented the town in 1800, was nothing remains except the old dam and

by the Eagle Square Company.

There was a Methodist church erected in South Shaftsbury about the year 1872 and is now quite a flourishing society.

At the center of the town stands the Baptist church, once filled with the first and best families of the town, now in a weak condition. The church was organized in 1844 and in 1780 the Shaftsbury Baptist association was formed. The first Baptist society in Shaftsbury was (finally the first in Vermont) organized in 1768 in the west part of the town, the second, or East church (baptist) was founded in 1780, the third in 1781 and the fourth in 1788. One of the first preachers in the west church was Rev Caleb Blood, (then called elders.) Isiah Mattison was a minister of the association officiating from

1803 to 1844. There is a Methodist church at the north part of Shaftsbury supplied by the resident pastor at South Shaftsbury, Rev. Walter E. Thompson.

The school house at Center Shaftshury is very old, and the house owned by Abraham Cole, brother of Parker Cole. It has been well preserved. Two generations of the Cole family were born there. It was one the old tavern stands on the old stage route from Troy to Rutland. There is a ruin of an old Revolutionary house standing on the Huntington estate, now owned by Harlow Huntington Bottum.

The Jonas Galusha homestead now owned by Joel Harrington has been well preserved, as has the David Galusha home which today is owned by a Galusha. Augustus Galusha is almost the last of a very large family.

The oldest man now living that was born in this town is Nathaniel Fuller, living in the west part of the town, aged 95 years. The oldest woman living born in town is the widow of William Waite, over L. Mattison, C. S. Mattison and C. W. After a time he opened a shop under 80 years old.



BURDSEYE VIEW OF SOUTH SHAPPSBURY

The village is a thriving one and basrown quite steadily for about 27 years, It was impossible to travel a mile along hirty-three new homes having been erectoperated by Wallace Lyons and three stores doing a paying business. There is a well cared for creamery run by Chas. Everest, a grist mill operated by W. II.



COLUMBIACE.

Whipple and one resident physician Frank E. Dean, M. D. Dr J. B. Woodhull has an office in the village and resides at North Bennington.

An Odd Fellows' society has been recently organized with rooms over the creamery. There is a good Village Imrovement society continually adding to the place those things for its good. As a town we stand for no liceose. There is also a commodious school building with three departments;

Cole Hall, South Shaftsbury.

It was built by Urlah Cole in the cear 1834, the stone all being quarried on what was then the Cole farm but has since passed into the hands of Mrs Solomon Howard and son Herman.

The hall was owned by the Monroe estate and was used for a Universalist church to be use I forne other purpose.

The Cole heirs now living are, Mrs Mary Cole Houghton and Cole Houghton who presented the property to the town with the unde should be used for no religious sect. except the Universalist, but could be used for all other town purposes.

It stands in a very prominent position in the village and is kept in a good state of preservation and the citizens highly appreciate the gift.

Eagle Square Company.

This extensive manufacturing plant was established in 1864, its first president being Judge Dennis J. George. It started in a small way but today is one of the largest manufacturing concerns in this section of the country. Its present offi-

THE EAGLE SQUARE WORKS

cers are: E. C. Gale of Troy, N. Y., pres- | forge and from that position he went

ident; F. L. Mattison of South Shafts- to work for Henry Sandell as a black-

bury, vice president and manager; C. L. smith. At the end of three years he

Mattison of South Shaftsbury, secretary took Sandell's business and old shop,

and treasurer; directors, E. C. Gale, F. and commenced business for himself.

Some of their principal goods manu-

the old grist mill, remaining there

some little time, when he purchased

factured are carpenters' boring machines and all kinds of finished and rough lumber, church pews, bars, etc. They do a high class of work in wood finishing, and can supply you to order anything that can be made in hard or soft wood finished lumber. They are under good management and employ a large number of hands making it of great benefit to the town.

School Building

The grounds upon which the above chool building now stands was formerly occupied by a small structure used for school house. It was rebuilt in 1871 and with the increase of number of pupils, it was found necessary to again Increase the size of the building.

Last year the fown voted to make the secessary addition and a very pleasant and ommodious apartment was added and at 'us same time was added all modern ap pliances. The building is heated by a hot air futnace. The grounds are pleasant and are made more beautiful by the efforts of the teachers by putting in shrubs

The boilding is now tasked to its intersest, furring only mont for three grades. The belidling will accompdate 150 scholars. Why not add another room and have the 4th grade accomodated?

George A. Moon and Sons-

For the want of a nail the shoe was

For the want, of a shoe the horse, was

For the want of a horse the rider was

All for the want of a horse shoe nall."

ous shop but he has been obliged to enlarge it from time to time.

Mr Moon married Miss Ruth Stratton for his first wife in 1886. She died. in 1877. He afterward married Mary L. Noyes in May, 1879. He had eight children, three nowliving, two as partners in the business and one with the Eagle Square company doing machine

As soon as Mr Moon's sons have attained the proper age he has given them an interest in the business which increases from year to year and I do not think you will find a shop of its kind better equipped for the business in Bennington County.

They manufacture all kinds of wag ons and sleighs and are agents for factory wagons of every description In blacksmithing their work can not be excelled. Special care is taken in horse shoeing making a specialty of cracked feet, interfering, faulty action etc. A trial given themmakes you a customer of theirs.

C. R. & A. B. Hawkins-

They commenced business in 1890 and are both natives of the town of Shaftsbury. Having grown up in the town, they are well known as very capable in the

in employing good help and have in their

employ. Messes Arthur C. Buffum and

Joseph Tesler whose names are familiar

The building which the above firm, oc-

copies was built in 1894 and run originally

by C. E. Wentworth. They purchased

the stock of the latter which inventoried

all through this section.

MOON'S BLACKSMITH SHOP.

If at that time George A. Moon & about \$2000 and have increased the stock

Sons, blacksmiths and wagon makers, to from \$6000 to \$7000 and doing a bush-

had been in business in the location ness of from \$20,000 to \$25,000 a year.

the poet refers to, it might have been turns their stock four times which must

George A. Moon was born at Peters- bovers and first class salesmen, and quali-

in 1843. He came to South Shaftsbury They occupy two floors and a basemen

at 23 years of age and was connected which are filled with a fresh stock in all

with the Borden Iron company until lines of general merchandise carried by

they closed their works five years them. They keep a team constantly on

later. He worked for them at the the road besides ruuning an extra about

burg in 1842 and came to Bennington fied to do a successful business.

C. R. & A. P. HAWKINS: STORE

the sight on which his plant now stands and has been with both firms for twenty lowing have become extinct: Cong't charches and built what he thought a commodily years, he knows his husiness does not suf. and built what he thought a commodi- years, he knows his business does not suffer in his absence.

He also has in his employ J. E. Adams and A. C. Dunham who are both efficient

He has a large commodious store and carries a large stock of general merchandise. The post office being located in his store, it makes it the headquarters for nearly all in that section.

The following pastors have served the church on its organization

Rev Mr Ketchel (?) Rev Thomas W. Duncan 1856-1857 Rev Joshua Collins 1830-Rev D. D. Francis

1802-1905 1866-1866 1867-1868 1866-1872 1872-1974 1872-INNI



F. L. MATTISON'S STORE.

Tacy Bros., South Shaftsbury.

The above firm is largely engaged in raising poultry. They started in mercantile business. Besides both being the poultry business in 1889. In 1891 hard workers, they display much tact in they bought the foundation of their conducting their business. They believe stock of T. C. Brownell of Shushan,

N. Y., who was the leader in this line.

large stock of Buff Plymouth Rocks.

Congr-gational Church of East

Arlington. "Agreeable to letters missive directed to the

Congregational churches in Bennington, Man-chester, Peru, Winhall and the Presbyterian

thurch in Salem, N. Y., an ecclestastical coun

of a overed in Sunderland at the house of

John H. Sanderson, Oct. 24, 1865, for the pur,

pose of considering the expediency of organ

sing a Congregational church, by request of

d charches, and residents in the towns of Sun-

The result of the above mectioned council

chich met in the house now occupied by Wm

M tilson, was favorable, and Rev James An-

lerson, moderator; Rev. Joseph D. Wiekham

Rev A. W. Nott were selected as a committee

to attend for the purpose of organizing a

thurch at such time and place as may be desig-

The date decided upon was Nov 2, 1844.

Upon that date the adjourned session of the

ing to some preliminary arrangements, pro

Here religious exercises were held, consisting

of prayer by Rev A. W. Nott and sermon by

Rev A. B. Lambert of Salem, N. Y. After

that the organization of the "Congregational

church of Sunderland and East Arlington" was

completed, with nine charter members.

uncil met in Sunder; and and, after a tend-

serian individuals, members of Congregation

berland and East Arlington."

nated by the petitioners,

Rev M. L. Noves Rev W. C. Sexton Rev C. C. Cook Rev A. C. Field. Rev George A. Furnes Several by workers have also served at dif ferent times when the church was without a

Resides the present pastor the only ones now living are Revs C. C. Cook of P ttsfield, Mass.

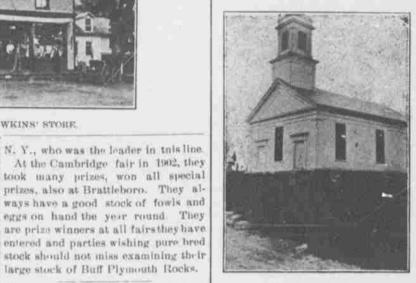
1885-1887

1887-1889

18N9-1899

For a time services were held in the school-house in which the church was ornanized. In July, 1848, the present house of wors ip was dedicated. The sermon was preached by Rev Mr Hudson of Dorset, from Luke, xvii; 20.

The present deacons are Messrs B. W. Saf-ford and Arnold Webb,



BAPTIST CHURCH.

Bennington and Hoosick Valley Railway Company

February 17, 1898, the first car of the above company ran to Walloomsac, only. A few months later, (July 1, 1898) the first through car came to Bennington and in the same year they completed their car barn which is located at North Bennington.

In 1990, they built their power house, formerly using power furnished by an

The present officers of the company are: president, George E. Greene of Hoosick Falls; vice president, Joseph Buckley of Hoosick Falls; treasurer. I. E. Gibson of Bennington; secretary and superintendent, E. H. Libby of Hoosick Falls.

The company has been under good management from the start and their earnings have increased from year to year. It has about 161 miles of track which runs through a picturesque val-



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, EAST ARLINGTON

is follows: H. A. Bottum, president; R. A. Moon, secretary; George Moon, treasarer; Everest Bros., managers. The management and officers of this concern cannot be but an assurance of

access as such it proves. It has a capacity of 5000 lbs, daily and at nearly all times turns out the full capacity. They manufacture of both butter and cheese and a quality equal to any produced in the

show a nice profit. They are both good

one-half of the time. They are the old-

est firm in town not having changed firm

Greamery-

This association organized as a stock

company in 1898. Its present officers are

name since first starting in business.

Their machinery is the latest improved and cannot fail to turn out the best products only. Its managers, Everest Bros., are thorough butter and cheese makers, which is proved by the demand upon them from the public. They have been its managers since it first commenced business and for the future prospect of the company, I should say, keep them as they are, the right men in the right place.

F. L. Mattison

This business started in 1877 under the firm name of W. P. Mattison & Co., and did a growing business until 1895 when F. L. Mattison purchased the business complete, Mr Mattison is one of our brightest business men in town and is also vice president of the Eagle Square Co. although he gives his store a large amount of his attention, but when he has such a

The above mentioned schoolhouse is the ley, passing Battlefield Park which uilding now used as a dwelling and is occupied has been made into a park by the comby Daniel Hayden. It stood at that time on

The articles of faith adopted by this church were based upon those held by the Congregauoual church of Sandgate and, compared with views and creeds of more modern date, seem rather conservative. The church seems to have occupied an inde-

pendent position until July 5, 1862, when, upon the advice of its acting paster, Rev D. D. Francis, it unanimously voted to adopt the constitution and by-laws of the Rutland an Bennington conference of Congregational churches, and thus enter the fellowship of that con Not unlike other organizations, it has had

sensons of refreshing and seasons of trials and losses. Numbers have been added to its membership from time to time, as indicated by the records, yet it has not been given to this church to enroll a large number in its member ship. Of about 150 who have at some time been connected with this church only a little more than one-third of that number now con prise its membership.

Mrs Thomas Jones, the oldest living member.

united with this church in 1850, bringing a let ter from the Cong'l church of Stratton, Among the churches which contributed to the man as T. H. Dunlap who is postmaster | membership of this church during the first de cade of its history-from 1843 to 1853-the fol-

pany which fornishes attractions through the summer months, and is visited by many. It is the endeavor of the company to please its patrons in any way possible, and we speak for it a prosperous future. The officers of the company are men of large experience in business, and pushing their line in every way possible.

Mrs Lizzie Tacy MILLINER

Full line Trimmed and Untrimmed Hats, also fall line Ribbons

SOUTH SHAFTSBURY, VT.